

DEDICATE GATES  
AS MEMORIAL TO  
MRS. JOSEPH BRYAN

(Continued From First Page.)  
No monument rises here to commemorate the glories of war, nor have we a memorial to the deeds of public life. These gates were erected by the city of Richmond in loving memory of one of the gentlest of the gentle sex, as an enduring evidence of the appreciation and respect of the people of the community for her illustrious virtues of heart and soul, and in grateful remembrance of her many acts of service to them.

The love of Mrs. Joseph Bryan's great heart took humanity for its object, and those who needed her most were always the recipients of her first and tenderest consideration. As a leader in every movement for social service, as an example of exalted and consecrated citizenship in private station, she stood pre-eminent. Becoming president of the Woman's Christian Association at a time when it was small and weak, and was struggling for its very existence, which seemed about to be denied it, she gave it of her time, talents and material support, and interested and inspired others in the same behalf until it grew and prospered as if in a new life. Imagine, if you will, the sublime joy of this great soul at seeing the association in its own home she had done so much to provide for it, though she characteristically credited the success of the movement for that purpose entirely to others. Appreciating that by reason of economic pressure many mothers of small children, who were dependent upon their own labors for support, were seriously handicapped by their little encumbrances, Mrs. Bryan conceived, opened and for years personally supported the first free kindergarten in Richmond for the children of working mothers. This was a natural and logical outcome of the work of the association, and was long conducted as one of its adjuncts. The necessity and helpfulness of such a work was immediately evidenced by the amount and success of its business, and it grew and flourished into what is now the Belle Bryan Day Nursery and Free Kindergarten, with its separate organization, an institution of the greatest social and economic value to this community, and which was an object of her affection, interest and support until her death. Her philanthropic work was numerous and catholic, not the greatest of which was the gift of this beautiful park to the people of Richmond, where they shall forever enjoy God's pure air and sunshine. As an active officer in the Association for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities, in the Hollywood Memorial Association, in the Virginia Historical Society, and other kindred associations, Mrs. Bryan gave overwhelming and daily proof of her boundless love for the people of this community and their traditions. Her life was a sermon, her presence a benediction, her memory an inspiration.

In the old mythology that was the religion of the ancient world, the heroes were demigods. They were elevated above men, yet not so far as to prevent emulation of their example. They animated those who yet struggled amidst earthly surroundings. So should the life of her whose good deeds we here commemorate inspire us to loftier purposes and nobler lives, and as we leave this place, let us go forth exalted by this communion with her.

After the hymn "How Firm a Foundation, Ye Saints of the Lord" had been sung, Judge George L. Christian was introduced by Lieutenant-Governor Elyson. Judge Christian spoke for the women representing the numerous organizations in which Mrs. Bryan had taken a leading part, at whose instigation the City Council had erected the massive gateway. Judge Christian said:

Judge Christian's Speech.  
"My friends, we have here a marked distinction and real honor to have been chosen as the mouthpiece of the noble women who were instrumental in having these gates erected to commemorate the deeds and virtues of their departed leader and co-worker. My only regret is that they could not have found a more able and more suitable

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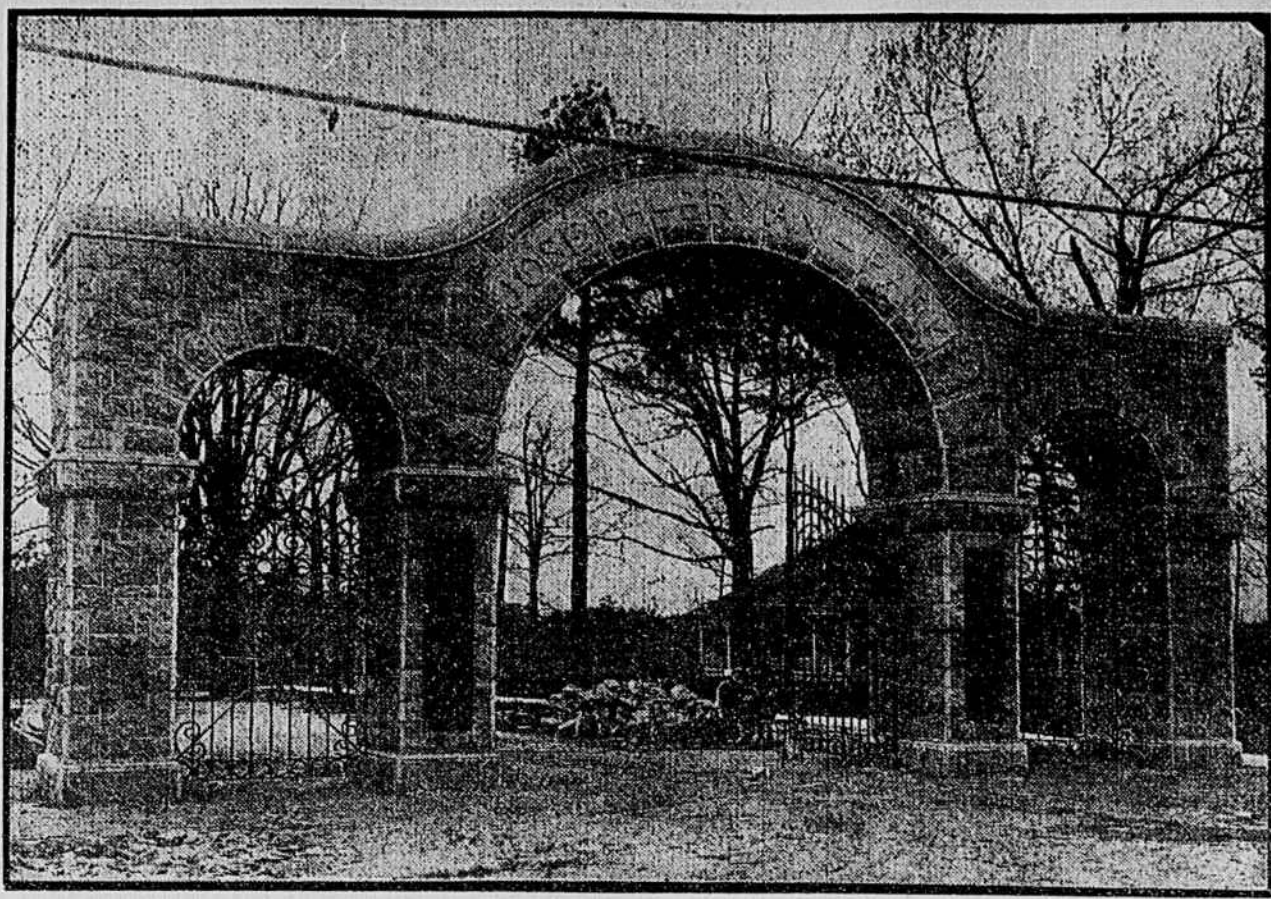


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representative for this interesting and impressive occasion or at least one who had more time to devote to the preparation of an address suitable to the subject and the occasion.

"I wish, in the beginning, on behalf of these ladies, to thank the representatives in the Council of the city of Richmond for the patriotic and liberal manner in which they responded to the suggestions of these ladies, in having this memorial erected, and to congratulate them and the ladies, too, on the appropriateness and beauty of the memorial, and the fidelity with which their design has been executed. Surely nothing could have been chosen more appropriate to typify the deeds of usefulness, of loving-kindness and tender sympathy which adorned the life of Mrs. Joseph Bryan, than this gateway, looking as it does, into this naturally beautiful park of pleasure, open alike to the rich and the poor, and affording to all alike a place for rest and recreation and for real elevation of soul and useful contemplation of life.

"I hope it may not be considered out of place for me to say that this park is associated with recollections both of pleasure and of sadness to me. For this was the hospitable and refined home of three brothers, William V. John B. and George W. Mordecai, all three members of my old company in the Confederate army; all three dear and devoted friends, and all three as noble men, as brave soldiers, and as true patriots, as ever existed in any cause at any time in the world's history. I would be reluctant to the ties both of comradeship and friendship if I failed to pay this poor tribute to these dear friends, two of whom have now gone to their reward, and the third is now living in a far distant State.

"I think it also proper to add that this memorial was neither suggested nor erected because of the fact that this park was donated to the city by Mrs. Bryan and her sons, but solely as an expression of the love and esteem of the representative men and women of Richmond, for the character, virtues and untiring labors which so significantly adorned and marked the career of this noble and accomplished Christian woman.

Conspicuous Acts.  
"Within the brief minutes allotted for this address it will be impossible to do more than merely mention some of the most conspicuous of the almost innumerable acts of patriotism and benevolence undertaken and performed by this good and true woman."

"First, it should be stated that Mrs.

Bryan—like her noble husband and their great model, General Lee—was a Virginian of Virginians. She loved her native State with an ardent, nay, almost passionate devotion; she loved her history and her traditions from her very foundation at Jamestown, and was proud of these, and especially of that most heroic and historic period of her history from 1861 to 1865. She was an ardent and devoted Confederate; she believed with her whole heart that the South was right in its great struggle for constitutional freedom, and she was proud of the way in which the men and women of the South bore themselves in that great and trying conflict. And, therefore, she was determined to do, and, in my opinion, did do more, to preserve the memories of Virginia's past, and to keep alive the memories of her glorious deeds, both in war and in peace, than any other person that I know of. And in doing this, she not only had the cheerful and hearty co-operation of her splendid husband, but also that of a band of as noble collaborators of her own sex, who were marshaled under any banner or enlisted in any cause or undertaking.

"It is an ancient and trite saying, that 'An honest man is the noblest work of God.'"

"At the time when that maxim was formulated, it was, doubtless, innocently supposed that the term man was sufficiently broad to comprehend both man and woman. I am inclined to believe, however, that had that maxim been coined in these days, such an idea would not have prevailed. And it is either because women have been so long excluded from the affairs of life, or that men have become so puny or so yielding, that to-day upon woman rests the work and conduct of much of that which controls the destiny of the human race. She is the mother, and only the flower planted in the wilderness of life to adorn and to beautify it, the attractive and efficient helpmate of man, but, in many instances, she is the mainstay of the world, and if she continues at her present pace she may become the cornerstone of the republic, and thus verify the maxim that, 'The hand that rocks the cradle is the hand that rules the world.'"

"I hope no one will infer from these remarks that I am an advocate of woman's suffrage. Nothing is further from the truth. No, I believe with Hannah More, one of the best and wisest of English-speaking women, when she asks:

"Is it not more wise to move contentedly in the plain path which Providence has marked out for the sex, and which custom has for the most part rationally confirmed for them, rather than to stray awkwardly, unbecomingly, unsuccessfully, in a forbidden road; to be the lawful possessors of a lesser domestic territory, rather than the turbulent usurpers of a wider foreign empire; to be good originals, rather than indifferent imitators; to be the best thing of one's kind, rather than an inferior thing, even if it were of a higher kind; to be excellent women, rather than indifferent men?"

Power for Good.  
"I have quoted this language because I believe Mrs. Bryan thought as Hannah More did. She fully recognized the limitations imposed on her sex, both by Providence and by custom, and she never chafed or fretted because of these, but within these limitations, and I believe, because of these, oh, what a power for good she was in this community."

"The highest degree of delicacy and quickness of perception and that nice discernment between the beautiful and the defective, which we denominated taste, and she had in a high degree, the consummate tact of any one that I ever knew. It was these great talents, when added to her liberality and strong common sense, her broad, catholic Christian spirit, which recognized that 'In Christ Jesus there is neither rich nor poor, bond nor free, male nor female,' which enabled her to do so many things for the advancement and uplift of this community, and to do them all so well. I, therefore, suggest, as a substitute for the old maxim, 'An honest man is the noblest work of God,' that of 'A good man and woman are the noblest works of God.'"

"And such, I believe, were Mrs. Bryan and her husband, and believing this, I honor their memories, and I love to think on and of them. Only a day or two ago she died, and she left me one of the sweetest letters that I ever received, which I carry about me wherever I go.

"There is one other characteristic and accomplishment of Mrs. Bryan to which I shall have time to allude, and no one who has had the privilege and pleasure, as I have, of enjoying these, could fail to, at least, make a passing reference to them. I refer, of course, to her beautiful and beautiful hospitality. She was the most splendid type of the Virginia matron and housewife that it was ever my privilege to know; and no one who ever visited 'Laburnum' when she presided over that home, could fail to recall these visits with real and ever recurring recollections of the genuine and unalloyed pleasures experienced on these occasions.

"Mrs. Bryan died on September 11, 1910, and in January, 1911, a committee of ladies (generally the president) from each of the following organizations, the Hollywood Memorial Association, the Association for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities, the Confederate Memorial Literary Society, the Young Woman's Christian Association, the Belle Bryan Day Nursery,

the Virginia Historical Society, the daughters of the Confederacy and the Colonial Dames, appeared before the City Council and asked that a memorial be erected by the city, as representing all the people, to the memory of Mrs. Bryan. These ladies reminded the council that whilst some time had elapsed since the gift of this park had been made to the city by Mrs. Bryan and her sons, that nothing had been done to improve or adorn it, not even a fence to inclose it, and they then suggested to the Council the erection of these gates as a suitable and dignified memorial, and requested that bronze tablets be put thereon bearing the inscription that the memorial was erected by the city, at the suggestion of these ladies.

"The Council heard the ladies attentively, and whilst there were some, perhaps necessary, delays, yet in the budget of 1912 \$5,000 was appropriated for the purpose, and the gates were then ordered to be erected. Numerous learned that the Young Woman's Christian Association would hold their national biennial conference in Richmond at this time, it was determined to select that as the appropriate occasion for the formal dedication of these gates, especially as Mrs. Bryan took such a deep interest in the success of that organization.

Unselfish Life.  
"I promised, almost in the beginning, to enumerate some of the things in which Mrs. Bryan took a deep interest, and to which, with her Christian and other philanthropic work, she literally devoted her useful and unselfish life.

"As before stated, she was deeply interested in the preservation of the history of Virginia from its very beginning. To that end, she gave the statue of John Smith now standing at Jamestown. She gave the cross which marks the spot where the first settlers landed there in 1607.

"She gave the monument on Gamble's Hill, which marks the date and place of the landing of the first white settlers who ascended James River on June 14, 1607.

"She interested the United States government in preserving Jamestown Island by building the breakwater there.

"She originated the yearly pilgrimages of the Association for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities to Jamestown.

"She put the iron railing around the old church at Jamestown.

"She furnished the means for marking many of the places of historic interest about Richmond.

"She was an active and generous member of the Virginia Historical Society, and was largely instrumental in securing General Lee's house as the permanent home of that society.

"She founded the Confederate Museum, and inaugurated the bazaar which raised the funds for renovating it and making it fireproof.

"She organized and carried to successful conclusion the fund-raising campaign for the erection of the Lee Monument, and up to the day of her death, she was actively engaged in the development of all the varied interests pertaining to these several organizations, of four of which she was the president, and in all of which she was, I believe, confessedly the leading spirit.

"These, then, are some, but by no means all, of the beneficent and useful works in which Mrs. Bryan was almost constantly engaged, and when we add to these her speech in her church; her 'little nameless deeds of mercy and of love'—the very best portion of the life of a good man or woman—the value of such a woman to any community is simply beyond all computation. Indeed, we see evidences, almost daily, of the fact that the influences which this noble woman exerted here have projected themselves forward and are still working for good in this community.

Works Follow Her.  
"I know it is generally supposed, and unfortunately it is frequently true, that in speeches of this character the speaker is too prone to exaggerate the virtues and to minimize the frailties of his subject. I do not believe there is any danger of my doing either of these things in speaking of the splendid life and character of Mrs. Bryan. Her deeds in this community are too recent, and are such eloquent witnesses of her liberality, her usefulness and her wisdom, that no words that I can employ can do justice, much less can they exaggerate, them in any degree; for, like her Master, she was almost constantly 'going about doing good,' and her 'works do follow her.'"

"Crown me with flowers," cried Mirabeau in his last hour, and loving friends brought them. But our dear friend needed no human hands to bring her garlands, for God had already crowned her, and out of her pure and noble life had already sprung eternal flowers, which bloomed not only on earth, but were glorious and sweet enough to be transplanted from that quiet 'Laburnum' death-bed to the celestial gardens, there ever to blossom, to perfume and to typify with their beauty and sweetness the example and the deeds of this true and noble Christian woman.

"In the 'Heart of Midlothian,' the 'Wizard of the North' makes Jeanie Deans, in pleading with the Queen for her erring sister, Eile, use these words: 'Alas! it is not when we sleep softly and wake merrily ourselves that we think on other people's sufferings. Our hearts are waxed light within us then, and we are for fighting our own wrongs and fighting our own battles.'"

"But when the hour of trouble comes to the mind, or to the body, and when the hour of death comes, that comes to the high and low—O my lady, then it is not what we have done for ourselves, but what we have done for others, that we think on most pleasantly."

"On behalf of these ladies I thank you and the other representatives of the city for this testimonial of your regard and esteem for this noble, true, simple and good woman."

Grandchildren Open Gates.  
Following Judge Christian's address occurred the most beautiful incident of the ceremony when six small grandchildren of Mrs. Bryan, trooped across the green and then opened the iron gates. The children were Amanda and Tennant, daughter and son of John Stewart Bryan; Joseph and Lamont, sons of J. St. George Bryan; and Alexander, Hamilton and Belle, son and daughter of Thomas Pinkney Bryan.

After singing the Doxology the audience was dismissed with a benediction spoken by Mr. Osgood.

The committee which had charge of the simple but impressive ceremonies, and to which is due in large measure the success of the occasion, was composed of Mrs. E. C. Minor, Mrs. J. Taylor Elyson, Mrs. Beverly L. Crump, Mrs. W. T. Tolson, Miss Sallie Archer Anderson, Mrs. Lizzie Cary, Mrs. S. C. P. Walford, Mrs. Norman V. Randolph, Mrs. R. A. Lancaster.

CHARTERS ISSUED  
Charters were issued by the State Corporation Commission yesterday as follows:

Amendment to charter, Mitchell, Swift & Company, Clothiers, Incorporated, Bristol, Va., increasing capital from \$15,000 to \$20,000.

Amendment to charter the Abingdon Water and Light Company, Abingdon, Va., increasing capital stock from \$25,000 to \$50,000.

Bank of Brownsville, Incorporated, Brownsville, Va., capital, \$12,000, to \$25,000. R. L. Patterson, president; S. Rees, vice-president; Brownburg, Va.; H. T. Rees, secretary, Brownburg.

Amendment to charter White Top Railway Company, Azon, Va., increasing its capital stock from \$50,000 to \$100,000.

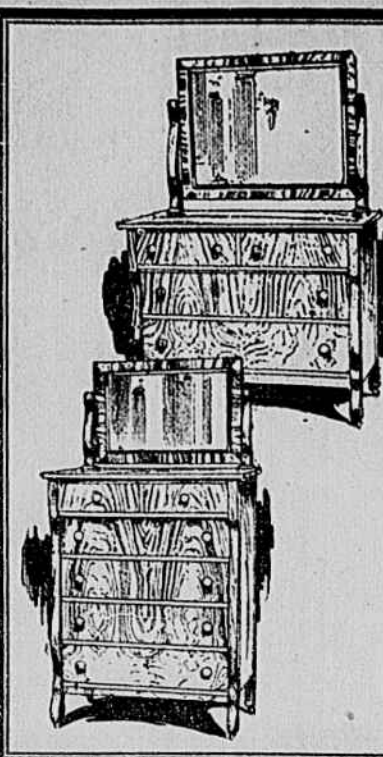
Supreme United Order of Nehemiah of Virginia, Norfolk, Va., no capital stock. W. A. Anderson, president; S. D. Keeling, secretary; Frank Pierce, all of Norfolk.

Forrestall Construction Company, Incorporated, Norfolk, Va., capital, \$1,000 to \$10,000. C. B. Hall, president; T. C. Hall, secretary and treasurer; E. M. Forbes, vice-president; all of Norfolk.

Die Lumber Company, Incorporated, Clifton Forge, Va., capital, \$10,000 to \$25,000. F. L. Spinner, president; E. Matthews, secretary and treasurer; W. G. Matthews, all of Clifton Forge, Va.

Southern Storage Corporation, Richmond, Va., capital, \$500 to \$10,000. C. Williams, president; F. C. Neister, secretary and treasurer; R. W. Stump, all of Richmond.

Ivey & Walsh, Incorporated, Abingdon, Va., capital, \$25,000 to \$50,000. W. W. Walsh, president; E. C. Ivey, vice-president; E. T. P. Easley, secretary and treasurer; all of Abingdon.



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Auto Company, Incorporated, South Boston, Va., capital, \$1,000 to \$15,000. J. A. Mebane, president; Frank Mebane, secretary; W. W. Ballou, all of South Boston, Va.

Improved Moral Training and Character Protecting Benevolent Association of the United States of America, South Norfolk, Va., no capital stock. O. L. Upton, president; A. J. Hill, vice-president; G. C. Buffalo, secretary, all of South Norfolk, Va.

Yenire From Richmond.  
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Alexandria, Va., April 14.—A yenire of twenty-five talemen from Richmond, from which to select a jury for the trial of Lewis Hooft, former secretary and general manager of the defunct Mercantile Railway Building and Loan Association, was ordered by Judge Harley, in the Corporation Court for Monday next.

URGE 1-CENT POSTAGE  
Advocates of Cheaper Rate Have Arrived in Washington.  
Washington, April 13.—One-cent letter postage advocates arrived in

Washington yesterday from Cleveland, O., to urge upon President Wilson and Postmaster-General Hiram W. Wilson the reduction of the 2-cent letter postage.

At the head of the delegation was Charles Burrows, president of the National One-Cent Letter Association. He said now that the parcel post had become a reality, 1-cent letter postage would be the next important change in the policy of the Post-Office Department.

Liner Is in No Danger.  
Vancouver, April 14.—The steamer Princess Sophia, which yesterday struck a rock off Sentinel Island, is proceeding to Vancouver, according to word received to-day. She has a double bottom, and it was believed only the outer casing was pierced.

Another Cut in Steerage.  
Hamburg, Germany, April 14.—Another step in the transatlantic rate war between Europe and Canada was taken by the Hamburg-American Company to-day, when it announced that the steerage rate between Hamburg and Quebec was to be reduced to \$22.50, instead of \$30, from May 1.

Garber—Bowman.  
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Harrisonburg, Va., April 14.—This morning at 5:30 o'clock, Dilman F. Garber, of the firm of D. F. Garber & Co., and Miss Hannah Bowman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. Newton Bowman, were married at the bride's home, on East Elizabeth Street, by Dr. B. E. Wilson, of the Presbyterian Church.

Died at Age of 105 Years.  
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Harrisonburg, Va., April 14.—Mrs. Annie Whetzel, 105 years old, died several days ago at Kline, Pendleton County, W. Va., just across the mountain from Harrisonburg. Since she was ninety she had been unable to leave her bed on account of infirmities.

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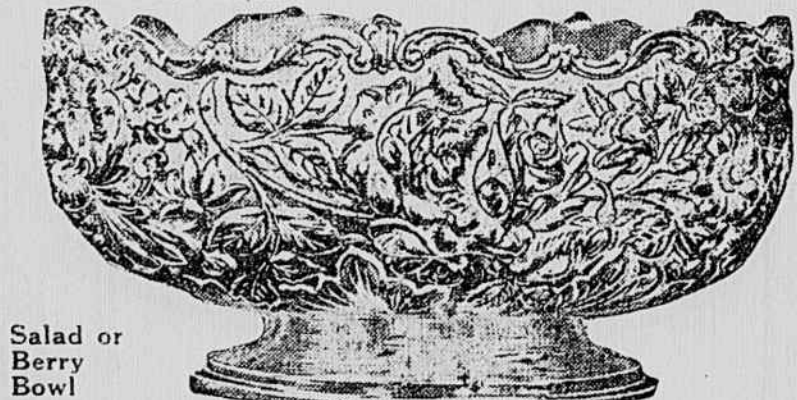
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